

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the students of the Germantown High School GHS-TV station upon their success at the Mid-South Student Television Awards for Excellence.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those students and educators involved in educational programs that offer valuable training to students, encourage excellence, and serve to enrich their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary program is Germantown High School's GHS-TV, a television station that recently won two first place awards and four honorable mentions at the seventh annual Mid-South Student Television Awards for Excellence, more than any other program in the region; and

WHEREAS, honoring high school production programs throughout the states of Tennessee, Alabama, and North Carolina, the Nashville/Mid-South chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is the same organization that presents television's prestigious Emmy Awards; and

WHEREAS, GHS-TV was established in 1982 and now serves as the community television station for the city of Germantown, cablecasting more than 750 hours of diverse programming to Germantown citizens each month, seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day; and

WHEREAS, cablecast to viewers over Cable Channel 17, this student-operated station reaches more than 10,000 subscribers in the Comcast system, serving as a model facility that continues to produce original programming, inform citizens, and educate young people, fostering within them a passion for telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, earning two first place honors, the Germantown High School television station has garnered a total of twenty-four regional and two national “Student Emmy” awards since the academy began awarding student works in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Germantown High School won the two first place awards for displaying excellence in the categories of Craft Achievement and Sports; and

WHEREAS, senior Jon Hoag won one of the first place awards for excellence in technical production; his winning entry was a compilation of his works over the past year, including promotional videos for the Poplar Pike Playhouse productions of *Curtains* and *The Beaux’ Stratagem*, a creative music video and animated opening graphics for Election Night 2008; and

WHEREAS, the other first place award, given in the Sports category, was presented to senior Kyle Dutton and junior Liam Street for their report on a Germantown High School student who battled his way to international success in the boxing ring; GHS-TV has been awarded first place in Sports every year; and

WHEREAS, unparalleled in their athletic coverage, Germantown won two of its honorable mentions in the Sports category as well, with senior Luke Driver winning an honorable mention for his report titled, *Season Lost, Lessons Learned*, and Luke Driver, Kyle Dutton and Will Walker claiming an honorable mention for their sports segment from *Wake Up, Germantown!*, which is Germantown High School’s morning news show; and

WHEREAS, one of the other honorable mentions went to seniors Brittany Flaherty, Mark Farrier, and Justin Thurmond, who earned it in the Arts and Entertainment category for their report on *The Beaux’ Stratagem*; and

WHEREAS, in the Writing category, senior Jocelynn Ramiah claimed an honorable mention for her report titled, *Twigs of Le Bonheur*, and

WHEREAS, the students working with GHS-TV are grateful for the enduring support and guidance from Germantown Community Television Executive Producer E. Frank Bluestein; Studio Supervisor Jordan Liles; Supervising Producers Ted Beasley, Allison Rogers, and Courtney Smith; Shelby County Schools Videographer and Editor Bobby Ramsay; Business

Manager Lee Driver; Video Engineer Glenn Payton; and this year's Student Managers, Luke Driver and Jon Hoag; and

WHEREAS, the immense success achieved each year by the students at GHS-TV is truly remarkable, distinguishing the station as a leader in its class and as a first-rate example of a program that builds into students and gives back to its community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate the administration, staff, and students at Germantown High School's GHS-TV for winning two first place awards and four honorable mentions from the seventh annual Mid-South Student Television Awards for Excellence, commend them for taking home more awards and honorable mentions than any other program in the region, and wish them every success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.